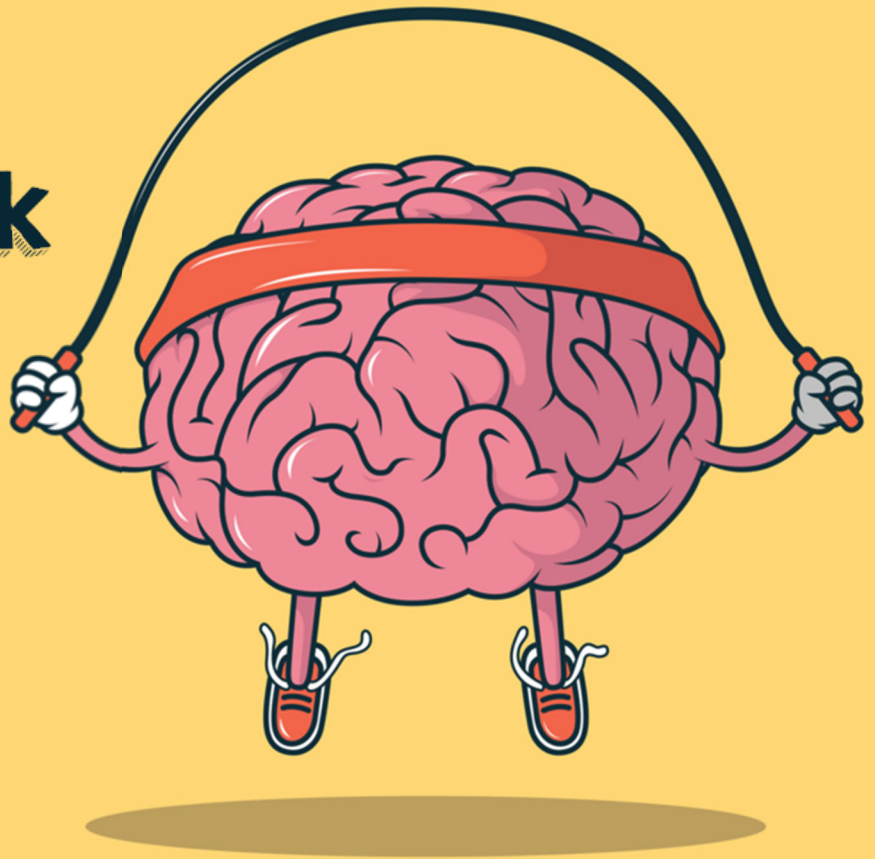


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This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In our Phonics and handwriting lessons, the children will be taught how to use their segmenting skills for writing by listening intently to simple words containing the focus sound 'z' and the digraph sound 'zz'. The children will be encouraged to use letter mats to remember the letter formation rhymes and have a go at writing independently the sounds that they can hear in words such as 'zip', 'zap', 'buzz' and 'fuzz'. We will begin to extend the children's thinking around writing by combining words into simple sentences e.g "I have a zip." and "The bee buzzed."

In Creative Writing lessons, the children will be focusing on the book, 'Butterfly Park' by Colleen Buck. The children will be identifying the key events in the story and will use their knowledge of letters and sounds to write their own version of the story and illustrate it. At home, can you have a go at creating your own origami style butterfly?

Maths

This week in Maths Number, the children will be focusing on recognising numbers to 20. The children will extend their knowledge and use this to order numbers to 20. We will also be looking at the children's understanding of matching the numeral to quantities of numbers to 20. At home this week, you can play a number recognition [game](#) to help with numbers from 0-20!

In Maths Project lessons this week the children will work collaboratively to order objects from shortest to longest. The children will explore different objects in the classroom and arrange them by using measurement activity mats while using appropriate vocabulary, such as shortest, longest, lightest, and heaviest. At home, the children can have a walk around the house and find items to arrange from shortest to longest. Encourage your child to use specific vocabulary to explain the order of their items.

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World lesson, the children will be focusing on the life cycle of butterflies. We will read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. The children will be identifying the key facts in the story and use the appropriate vocabulary, such as egg, caterpillar, and chrysalis. The children will discuss and describe the growth and changes of caterpillars. We will work together to create a poster of the life cycle of butterflies by connecting arrows to link each stage and create labels with the support of the teacher. This week Transition Alpha will also be visiting the Whipsnade Zoo as part of our project this term. At home, you can recreate your lifecycle butterfly poster and use your knowledge from our Very Hungry Caterpillar book to recall the stages of the caterpillar's growth. Can you remember what caterpillars turn into before it transforms into a butterfly?